

The Big Stone Gap Post.

VOL. XXI,

BIG STONE GAP, WISE COUNTY, VA., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1913.

No. 11

Conservation of Life

By Rev. G. M. Moreland, Pastor M. E. Church, South.

Serial Sermon No. 3

Scripture Text:
Do not sin against the child.—
Genesis 42:22

Life is the indefinable mystery of creation. From single celled protoplasm to perfected organic structure in man, it evades the scrutiny of science. From the lowest forms of sensation through instinct to intelligent moral consciousness it is equally beyond the radius of philosophy. That sea of mystery wherein are reflected all the prismatic glories of the divine attributes—a realm where life and love are synonymous. Life is love's idol. Life is love in action. Revolving worlds and marshalled systems are meaningless without life, without intelligent life are aimless. The unstinted prodigality in natural resources are devoid of reason without varied and sundry life. All an unsolved mystery were not its interpretation found in man. Life stands related to history as great forces are related to nature. Around him are marshalled the chronology of the world. Creation were an unfinished task, and stands to reason an infinite interrogation, without life, an unfinished revelation of God, without high moral and spiritual life.

Value of human life a universal index to civilization. Low state of self-consciousness cheapens life. Bishop Charles B. Galloway once said: "Life that has no future can have no value." Civilization keeps step with racial ideals. Extending the horizon raises the value of life. Uncivilized man devalues his own offspring to the wild beasts of the forest, or sacrifices him to some tutelary God. Women bear their infants from their arms and cast them into the Ganges or pass them through the fires of Moloch for selfish ends. Committal of the ill formed to death, because they could not serve the State, marked early history of Greece. Nations with no vestige of immortality live in eternal combat and revel in carnage. The hero of such civilization is released with human gear. Less barbaric nations, but with no less narrow horizon commit their offspring unto uncouth nurses and for some sensual selfish end commit them to chance or sacrifice for haunts of fashion and pride, and sensuality.

Thousands pass through the fires of greed and grind in the mills of avarice, where light of hope is put out, where like the poor Turkish woman when asked what the life of Turkish women was like, said: "It is like hell." Could the secret record of God be opened into so called civilized centers and that pyramid of infant skulls be seen, whose lives have been sacrificed to pride and greed, would it deserve the title of Christian civilization. No less barbaric to sacrifice here than to Moloch.

The child, the most valuable asset of nation or race, State or Church. Economically at one year of age, each child is estimated to be of the value of one hundred dollars, with an ever increasing value with the years. Statistics show that three hundred thousand infants under one year died in Christian America last year, one hundred and fifty thousand of which was of preventable ailments. What criminality through ignorance or indifference. Our economic loss on the above estimate was fifteen million dollars. But what of broken hearts, racked nerves, intellectual exhaustion. What social losses, of holy influence to inspire, to cheer, to nerve the arm of toil, to stand vigil over parental fidelity, to develop those holy and lovely graces that grow in the uncrushed mother heart.

What latent intellectual resources for the solution of the problem of the age. Suppose you, there died no Washington, Webster, Clay, who had come to our nation for such a time as this. Could it not be true that some Sampson, David, Solomon or St. Paul may have gone down. Science has declared all natural forces to be stable, convertible in form, indestructible and persistent in essence, but infinite in mode, capable of limitless permutations. Forces that cannot be increased nor diminished. Mental action represents not mere physical forces of material qualities upon the senses of another, passive recipient, but of one soul upon another.

Human life is no mere physical effect. It is a causal force, moral and spiritual, a cumulative possibility. Man's entire intellectual and moral force does not pass in his acts and deeds. Dr. A. M. Farr-bairn says: "Persons affect persons who are in an ever progressive degree, healed, helped or harmed more by them than by nature. This means that moral forces are cumulative as well as regulative." What

Continued on page 6.

Civic League Meeting.

The Civic League held its monthly meeting in the School Building on Friday, March 7th, at 3:30 o'clock. In the absence of the President, Mrs. E. E. Goodloe, Mrs. R. T. Irvine, first vice president presided.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer being absent no yearly report was given. The committee appointed to award prize to school for best kept flower beds was held over to April meeting. Mrs. J. P. Wolfe suggested we have one day in the spring for Cemetery Day and all the people who care to, to donate flowers and seeds for beautifying the cemetery. Mrs. Wolfe was appointed to see merchants and try and get subscriptions for having our paved street through town oiled and in this way do away with the great amount of dust the automobiles make.

Miss Lula Moore was appointed chairman of committee to look after flower beds in school lawn. Mrs. W. J. Christian and Mrs. Lloyd are on this committee. Mrs. J. L. McCormick was appointed chairman of Cemetery Committee. Mrs. R. D. Baker and Mrs. M. R. McCorkle are also on this committee. Mrs. C. C. Cochran was asked to write for trees and replace those that have died. Miss Lula Moore asked for contribution of flowers and seeds for the little park near the planing mill.

The election of officers for the year was announced, and the following were elected: Mrs. E. E. Goodloe, president; Mrs. M. R. McCorkle, first vice president; Mrs. J. J. Lloyd, second vice president; Mrs. R. T. Irvine, recording secretary; Mrs. L. O. Pettit, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. B. Alsover, treasurer. No other business coming up for consideration, the meeting adjourned.

SECRETARY.

Fire at Norton.

At about two o'clock yesterday morning the Norton Coal Company's commissary and warehouse and Joseph Pleasnic's meat market were totally destroyed, together with their entire contents.

The Norton Wholesale Hardware had a close call, but was well guarded and protected by the volunteer fire-fighters who poured two streams of water, one in front and the other in the rear of the hardware building. The fire is supposed to have caught from a stove in the scrip clerk's office.

The company records were all saved and new quarters secured in the Angello building. The property destroyed was insured.—Norton News.

Unique Calendar.

Fox & Peck, the well known civil and mining engineers of Big Stone Gap, Va., with branch offices at Hazard and Harlan, Ky., have issued a very unique calendar, the top of the calendar being a blue print map of the coal fields of Southwestern Virginia and Southeastern Kentucky. The mountain ranges, streams, railroads and mining camps, are all shown up-to-date. It makes an interesting and valuable map for any one interested in the coal industry in that section.—Knoxville Appalachia Trade Journal.

Help a Worthy Cause

Dear Mr. Knight:

I am asking you to publish in our town paper a letter just received from Catawba—our State sanatorium for tuberculosis. As far as personal interest is concerned, there are few causes to me more touching. I have had the privilege of helping to cheer the patients that were able to leave their chairs and pavilions by gathering bright autumn leaves, etc., to have a "Hallowe'en party." I realized then the need of cheer and entertainment for those who suffer, away from home and friends, with the scourge of tuberculosis. And I wished then that a more attractive hall could be gotten for the patients. This appeal from one of these has come lately, reminding me of the wish for just what is asked in this letter. The Board is doing all it can for the actual relief of suffering humanity, but it seems to me, it becomes our privilege to give what will put some light and diversion and pleasure, we can, from our hands, that are free perhaps now at least, from the "White Plague."

With great faith, through experience in the loving sympathy and quick response from the people of Big Stone Gap, I am,

Very truly,

Mrs. J. J. LLOYD.

Money can be sent either to Miss Emma Bass directly or to me, if more convenient, and I will forward to Catawba.

LETTER

Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

A meeting held here recently by the patients of the Sanatorium, it was unanimously decided that we make an effort to furnish our Assembly Hall with amusements and other equipment, comprising a Moving Picture Machine, Multiphograph, Typewriter, Photographic's outfit, Sewing Machine and other needful things which would not only be a source of very great pleasure, but very beneficial also to each patient here.

As these things will be expensive, it is necessary that each patient solicit contributions from his friends to assist in carrying out this object. This has the hearty approval of the State Health Commissioner and the officials of the Sanatorium, who are doing everything possible for our welfare. If this appeals to you, as I hope it will, we will be very grateful for any contribution you may make to assist us.

The State has made no appropriation covering these features hence this appeal.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

EMMA BASS.

Health Catechism

New Edition Ordered Will be Ample to Meet the Large Demand.

Richmond, Va., March 8.—The new edition of the Health Catechism, recently issued by the State Board of Health, is now in press and, when received, will be ample to meet the numerous demands for this publication. The first edition of 40,000 copies was soon exhausted owing to the celebration of Health Day during the month of February in more than 200 schools of the Commonwealth.

Outlook Better in Front Royal

State Board of Health Issues Official Statement of Reported Typhoid Outbreaks.

Richmond, Va., March 8.—Following the publication throughout the State of alarming reports regarding an epidemic of typhoid fever at Front Royal, inquiry at the State Board of Health this morning led to the publication of an official statement, in which is the cheerful assurance that the worst is over and that the valley town will soon be in normal shape again.

The bulletin of the Board reads: "Our first intimation of typhoid fever in Front Royal was the receipt of a letter asking for an examination of water, in which letter was a statement that there were seven or eight cases of fever in the town. The Board immediately despatched to Front Royal its sanitary engineer with the State's emergency water disinfection plant. The engineer reached the town the same day and upon receipt of his report, the inspector of the Board was also sent to Front Royal. These two officers remained in charge until immediate danger was past.

"The report of the engineer makes it plain that the outbreak was due to pollution of the water supply, most probably by contamination of the water shed. While the extent of the outbreak has been much exaggerated, the danger was very great for a few days and all those who contracted fever were exposed practically at the same time. The town authorities of Front Royal and of Riverton have cooperated most heartily and have done all in their power to relieve conditions. The Board believes that the danger is past, if proper precautions are taken for the future.

"A most distressing feature of the situation is the fact that the water supply of the town was thoroughly inspected by the Board in 1911 and a detailed report on it was filed with the town authorities. In this the Board stated that the water shed of the town was not properly protected and might easily cause an outbreak of typhoid fever. Since that time the danger has increased and within the last few months, we are informed, a number of workmen were employed in improving a road along the water shed.

"The specimen of water sent from Front Royal did not show the presence of typhoid bacilli, but this was of no significance as the germs are very rarely found in small quantities of water, even in the most severe outbreaks. The specimen did, however, show very serious pollution.

"The Board regrets extremely that this epidemic should have occurred where warning of danger had been given and proper precautions had not been taken. But the people of the State should understand that since the appearance of the first cases, the town authorities did their utmost. Danger is now past for the present and the town will soon be restored to its usual good health, if the suggested precautions are carried into effect.

"What has happened in Front Royal may happen in any one of numerous Virginia towns where the water supply is exposed to a contamination which may cost the lives of scores in a widespread outbreak."

Big Deal in Coal Property

Pineville Capitalists Lease the Harlan Coal Mining Company's Mines in Harlan.

A deal of great magnitude in the coal mining business in this territory was consummated in this city last week, when Jno. W. Williams, Dover Williams and Thos. Williams closed a lease with Harlan Coal Mining Company for its mining plant which has just been completed at Coxton, in Harlan county. Over 1000 acres of fine coal lands are included in the deal.

The operating company will be known as the Lick Branch Coal Company, of which Jno. W. Williams will be president.

The plant of the Harlan Coal Mining Company is one of the most up to date in Southeastern Kentucky, and has a capacity of about 3,000 tons daily. The Williams boys are practical coal men and have a thorough knowledge of the mining end of the business. They have been located in this section for a number of years and have successfully opened and operated a number of mines in this and Knox county—the last being the Wallins Creek Coal Company, which was the first operation to ship coal from the new Harlan field.

The lease from the Harlan Coal Mining Company is said to include minimum royalties aggregating \$100,000 during the first five years, with privilege of renewal for an additional five years, when the minimum royalties are fixed at about \$125,000.

The Harlan Coal Mining Company, which is composed of Louisville and Harboursville capitalists, have under lease 10,000 acres of land in Harlan, and we are informed they will soon begin the construction of another large plant between Coxton and Ages, and will expend a large sum of money in further improving their tract of 9,000 acres.—Pineville (Ky.) Sun.

You will find that it is always better to be criticized for what you do than for what you don't do.

SEVEN competent young men and EIGHT competent young women to accept positions paying \$40 per month and up.

WANTED! BY MARCH 15th, 1913

SEVEN competent young men and EIGHT competent young women to accept positions paying \$40 per month and up.

WANTED! BY MAY 30th, 1913

FIFTEEN competent young men and EIGHTEEN competent young women to accept positions paying \$50 and \$60 per month and up.

WANTED! BY SEPTEMBER 1st, 1913

TWENTY-FIVE competent young men and TWENTY competent young women to accept position as Principal of Commercial Department in High Schools. Least salary offered to date \$85.00 per month to beginners.

Young Folk: More than 20 positions paying \$40 to \$75 per month, passed in January. Others as good yet OPEN. If you are not qualified to fill these positions write us AT ONCE for full particulars and enroll with us as soon as possible. We must fill these important places. Write at once, addressing

Central Business College,

INCORPORATED.

Bear Building, Opposite First National Bank.

PHONE 1158.

Roanoke, Virginia.

Dickenson County News.

Freeling, Va., March 8.—Farmers of this immediate section have commenced preparations for planting out their spring crops earlier than usual, and the indications are that a larger acreage will be cultivated this year than was last. More oats will be sown than has been for several years past. The farmers are beginning to realize that it pays better to grow the smaller grains than to depend wholly upon the corn crop.

Mrs. Riley Pennington, of this place, has just received the news of the death of her son, Clint Huff (the issue of her former marriage), which occurred across the border in Kentucky. The particulars of the occurrence, as gleaned from the message, are substantially as follows: Young Huff went out hunting, carrying a shot gun, and as he did not return in due time, his absence caused uneasiness, and a searching party was organized. The body of the young man was found in a mangled condition, with the gun lying nearby. As the piece was empty, it is supposed that an accidental discharge caused his death.

Robert Reed, carpenter, who left here about a year ago, locating at Jenkins, Kentucky, is soon to return to Freeling to take up his trade again.

John I. Cochran, aged about seventy, died at his home on George's Fork of Pound River this week, as the result of injuries sustained from a fall. He was a native of Franklin county, Virginia, and from there he enlisted in the Union army in 1862. He came to this county (Dickenson) some years ago, where he has since resided. He is survived by a widow and two children, a son and a daughter.

The Yellow Poplar Lumber Company is buying standing timber in this section. While the first class timber is practically gone from here, there still remains small bodies of valuable timber.

MEN WANTED.

50 MINERS wanted by Stonegap Colliery Company, Glamorgan, Va. Steady work. Highest price per ton paid in the district. Healthy camp. Excellent water. School and church facilities.

Stonegap Colliery Co. J. S. CHEYNEY, Gen. Supt.